(a) whether the Government are aware that there are gross irregularities in the matter of filling the vacancies exclusively reserved for ex-servicemen;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a separate Recruitment Board for ex-servicemen;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Government propose to consider referring all vacancies for ex-servicemen to Director General, Resettlement before these are de-reserved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). No, Sir. No instance of any irregularity in filling up of the reserved vacancies for ex-Servicemen has come to notice. A compilation of Government orders/ instructions of reservations, concessions and relaxations for ex-Servicemen in Central Government services has been brought out and circulated by the Department of Personnel and Training among all the Ministries/Departments for their information and guidance.

(c) and (d). Recruitment to Group 'D' posts is made by the employing Department, from among the candidates sponsored by the concerned Employment Exchanges and there is no requirement of written examination in such selection. As regards recruitment against Group 'C' posts, including those reserved for ex-Servicemen, the same is made through the Staff Selection Commission. Therefore, there is no need for setting up of a separate Recruitment Board for recruitment of ex-Servicemen against these posts.

(e) Under the extant instructions, it is mandatory for all the employing Departments of Central Government to obtain "No Objection Certificate" from Directorate General Resettlement before de-reserving the vacancies reserved for ex-Servicemen.

Elections in Jammu and Kashmir

724. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir to install a popular Government there; and

(b) if so, the time by which these are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir as soon as the conditions are conducive to the holding of elections there. However, it may not be possible to indicate any time schedule at this stage.

[*Translation*]

Export of Fruits and Vegetables

725. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of fruits and vegetables in the country is in abundance;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the export of these items;

(c) whether Indian fruits and vegetables

are in great demand in foreign countries, if so, the names of the countries; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned through exports of fruits and vegetables during each of the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). For boosting export of fruits & Vegetables, which are produced in abundance in India, Government is taking promotional steps through various developmental bodies such as Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for marketing development, product promotion, quality upgradation, improvement in packaging, arranging buyer-seller meets, participation in international trade fairs, etc. Besides, Government has also granted higher Exim Scrips to select horticultural commodities.

(c) and (d). Indian fruits & Vegetables are being exported to West Asia, UK and Europe etc. and the foreign exchange earned is as under:

1988-89	:	Rs. 163.85 crores
1989-90	:	Rs. 208.05 crores
1990-91	:	Rs. 217.29 crores

(Source: DGCIS Foreign Trade Statistics)

[English]

Delimitation of constituencies in Delhi

726. SHRI VIJAYA KUMAR YADAV:
SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI:
SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delimitation of the Assembly constituencies in Delhi is to be completed before the ensuing Assembly elections; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTERS OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delimitation is to be done on the basis of the provisional figures of the population as published in relation to 1991 census. The Election Commission has received the relevant maps and published census data from Registrar General and Census Commissioner only on 26th February, 1992. Necessary further action is being taken by the Election Commission.

[Translation]

Implementation of Official Language Policy in Nationalised Banks

728. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of nationalised banks in Uttar Pradesh where the number of staff is twenty five or more than that;

(b) the number of bank branches out of them where official language implementation committee has been constituted and its regular quarterly meetings are held; and

(c) the number of bank branches where inspection has been conducted to see that